

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 and 34-40 are all the claims pending in the application. By this Amendment, Applicant cancels claims 26-33 without prejudice or disclaimer.

The Examiner rejected claim 6, 9, 16, 23, and 28 under section 112, second paragraph. Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for pointing out, with particularity, the aspects of the claim thought to be indefinite. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this rejection in view of the self-explanatory claim amendment being made herein with respect to claims 6, 9, 16, and 23. Claim 28 is canceled; therefore, this rejection is moot with respect to claim 28.

Next, the Examiner indicates that claims 1-5, 7, 8, 14, 15, 17-22, 24, 25, and 34-40 are allowed and claims 6, 9-13, 16, and 23 contain allowable subject matter.

The only rejected claims are claims 26-33. Applicant cancels the rejected claims 26-33, thereby, rendering the prior art rejections moot. Applicant respectfully submits that the Application is now placed in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, allowance of this application is now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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